Swindling by branches of Union Bank and Corporation Bank

1357. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Union Bank and the Corporation Bank have been swind led through forged documents and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Enforecment Department have unearthed the defraud of the Corporation Bank, Nariman Point branch and the Union Bank branch at Masjid and, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that scrutiny of the accounts of Khand Bazar branch of the Union Bank of India carried out in March, 1991 has brought out certain procedural lapses. It is reported that remittances equivalent to Rs. 568 lacs were fraudulently effected under forged import documents in the case of 32 import bills.

Similarily, Corporation Bank has reporter that certain transactions in its Nariman Point and Khar branches in Bombay Were investigated by Directorate of Enforcement. Two bills equivalent to Rs. 21 lacs in the Khar branch of the bank in Bombay were withheld and the operations of the related account in Nariman Point, Bombay branch of the bank were stopped under the advice of the Directorate of enforcement. The Enforcement Directorate has taken up investigation of the matter

Representation received by Government from All India Bank Officers' Confederation

1358. SHRI ASHIS SEN; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the All India Bank Officers' Confed eration about victimisation of office bearers of Syndicate Bank Officers' Association and the unfair practices adopted by the management of the Bank in dealing with these officers; and

(b) if so, what steps have been or are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) All India Bank Officers' Confed-eartion has submitted a representation to the Chairman and Managing Director of the Syndicate Bank and Government requesting, *inter-alia,* to initiate a dialogue on the issues raised by them. The bank has been advised to consider the suggestion of the All India Bank Officers' Confederation to sort out the issues

सभी नदियों को प्रदूषण से मुक्त करने हेतु राष्ट्रीय कार्य योजना

1359 **श्री रणजीत सिंह :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश की लगभग सभी नदियां अत्यधिक प्रदूषित हो रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन सभी नदियों को प्रदूषण से मुक्त करने के लिए कोई राष्ट्रीय कार्य योजना बनाने का निर्णय लिया है;